

I used to be a journalist myself and I know the biggest danger is to air your own opinions. Journalism is about giving information to the public. You are suffocating journalism by allowing Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. More specifically, this is media consolidation and partisan media on free of charge public service airwaves.

Legally, Sinclair is in the wrong and is obligated to serve the public interest. I'm sick of hearing that radio stations are airing material because of who their owners are and what their political views are. Airwaves should be for free speech. If an owner of radio stations makes huge conglomerates, that suffocates the spirit of true journalism and turns the airwaves into one big campaign spin.

Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.